

# Onorato's Grapplers Prepare for Season

by Steve Bishop  
Collegian Staff Writer

"When you only have twelve healthy people and you have to put ten of them on the mat, it doesn't leave much leeway."

That statement sums up Coach Ed Onorato's major concern for the upcoming Behrend wrestling season.

When asked to comment on the

experience (only four returning lettermen) of this year's squad, he replied that "although they don't have much college wrestling experience, they're probably the most experienced group we have ever had at Behrend in terms of their high school background."

The competition begins in the 118 pound bracket where Shawn

Phaneuf, a four year letterman, from McDowell, must contend with Jack Gerber, a St. Marys product who compiled a 3-4 chart last year. Gerber is also contemplating life as a 126 pounder. To do that, he'll have to convince freshman Paul Haluszcak of Carnegie, Pa. The 134 and 142 pound class look to be a dogfight right down to the last half-nelson. Scott Luchansky (5-5 last year) and first year performer Tom Schriefer, described by Coach Onorato as one of the best wrestling products produced from Erie's Academy High School in the past ten years, vie for the right to see who gets the dubious honor of moving up to the 142 class. Carl Trzos, a first year arm-twister from Franklin, Pa. is

also ready to step onto the mat at a moment's notice. The third returning letterman, 150 pound Ed Mulkearn, a native of Meadville, Pa., can't relax this year. The reason is Danny Johnson, who displayed his wrestling talent for Eisenhower High in Russell, Pa. last year. Remarkably quick for his weight class is how Coach Onorato described Johnson. The fourth returning wrestler is 158 pounder, Jim Nowakowski. Nowakowski "looks exceptional" in training so far. Posting a 10-4 ledger last year, Jim wrestled his way to the Nationals. According to Coach Onorato, there's no reason why he can't do it again. Tim King, a tough freshman from North Allegheny seems to have scared

off any opposition at 167 pounds. Holding down the 177 pound weight class is freshman Mike O'Leary from Wattsburg, Pa. O'Leary, a twenty-two year old Vietnam veteran, runs marathons to stay in condition. There is no one on the squad tipping the scales at 190, leaving the filling of this position a mystery. But this isn't the case at heavyweight. Coach Onorato is in the enviable position of having three bonafide "heavies" this year. They are Jim Comes (6-5, 240), a freshman from Almond, N.Y., Eric Wollman (5-11, 255), a sophomore from McDowell, and Hiram College transfer Bill "Tiny" Powers (6-3, 260), who won't be eligible until January 11.

A big question mark this season is whether or not 150 pound senior Ashley Swift will be wrestling for Behrend. There is a possibility he may return here after competing last year at University Park. Swift compiled a tremendous 37-7-1 record in two years at Behrend, the best ever. He also copped the District 18 NAAIA championship as a sophomore. Coach Onorato remarked about the prize grappler, "He's got the kind of leadership and determination that rubs off. In my estimation he's a potential national champion. There are also three or four others who are capable of making Nationals and placing in it."

The squad's first scheduled activity is slated for December 3 and 4 in the Edinboro Tourney.

## Guy B-Ballers Do it on the Court

by Suzy LeViseur

On November 27, Coach Leon Wright will take his 14 member squad to Pitt-Johnstown and open the 1976-77 men's varsity basketball season. Captain Harry Small, the assistant coach, feels the team will win because "we will enter every game this year with a positive frame of mind—we're going to win!"

In getting prepared for the season opener, the team is playing a series of scrimmages against other schools. Facing Jamestown Community College on October 29, the Cubs, according to Coach Small, played more as a team, with more improvement on defense. "Several of the players showed good offensive ability," continued Coach Small, "but the defense is not to the point we want them to be."

Saturday, November 6 was the date of the young Cubs first away scrimmage. Traveling to La Roche College, the team had to learn how to play on a smaller court—adjust to the more crowded and slower conditions. Many of the players felt they did

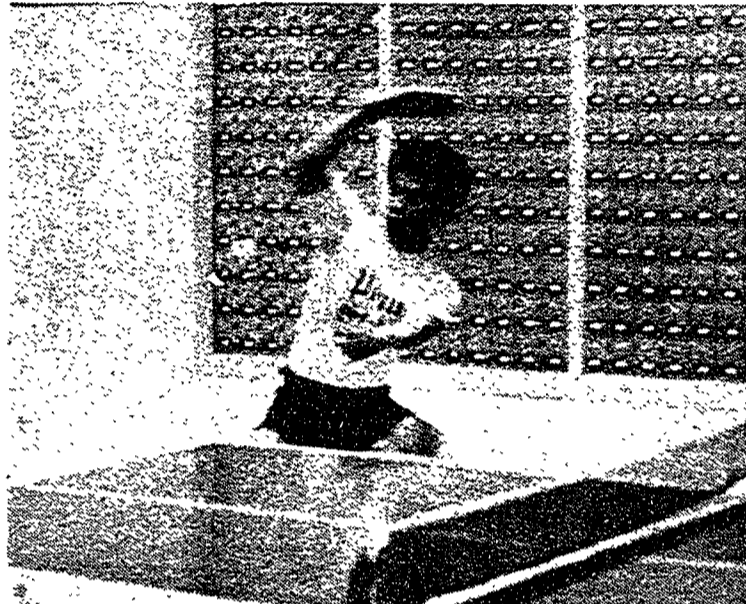
not play up to their expectations.

This Saturday, Behrend faces Medaille College of Buffalo at one in Erie Hall.

An alumni game will be played November 20 at 8 p.m. featuring Jon Kennedy, Eddie Evans, Jim Davis, and Mark Chesko, the four leading scorers from last year, and Larry McAleer, the Cubs' leading story during the 1973-74 and 1974-75 seasons. A preliminary "Old-Timers" game at 6:30 p.m. will feature alumni cagers from the 1960's. No admission will be charged for the pre-season double-header, although donations will be accepted in support of the Warren Behrend Athletic Association.

The members of the team include junior Vince Unice, sophomores Mike Jackson, Jensen, David Kiehl and Chris Puleo, and freshmen James Carr, Kirk Farbacher, David First, Kurt Gordon, Mickey Hintz, Todd Kresge, Bernard Orr, Mark Paffrath, Ron Williams, and Paul Wilson. The average height of the team this year is 6'1 1/4", although it ranges from 5'10" to 6'7".

During term break these players will still be here practicing, preparing themselves for "one of the toughest teams they will face all year"—Pitt-Johnstown. The first home game of the season has Behrend facing Westminster at 8 p.m. December 2.



Smashing spikes such as this are what made Ray Greene the individual winner in the Intramural Table Tennis Championships held October 26. In singles, Ray will represent Behrend in the National Championships in Maryland January 28, 29, and 30. Andy Epstein and Ray are the doubles team representatives.

## Cub rifle team meet Scots

by Rick Nau

The Behrend College Rifle Team made its debut last Wednesday, November 3 against the Edinboro State squad. The Cubs showed their inexperience against the Scots, losing the match decisively in both overall and individual scores. Cpt. Harry Small, the club's advisor and assistant coach, said that now the team knows what they will have to do to become a respectable contender. He feels that the team does have talent but that it will take a lot of time and practice to capitalize on it. "If nothing else we'll have the squad ready for the annual Penn State match. If we can take anything, that's the one

we want."

The Behrend College Rifle team is comprised of the top shooters from the Behrend College Rifle Club, a chartered organization open to all full time Behrend students. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome to show up at the Lawrence Park Rifle Club Thursdays between 3:00 and 8:00. A fifty cent per month dues cost in addition to a fifty cent range fee is charged.

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